Foreign collaboration approvals are intended only to determine the terms and conditions of collaboration. Therefore, foreign investment approvals do not usually indicate state-wise location of the industries and consequently such data are not centrally maintained.

Crisis in salt industry

457. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the salt industry in the country is facing difficulties due to unsold stock of 80 lakh tonnes of salt for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) Production of salt depends on weather conditions and due to favourable weather there has been a record production of 135 lakh tonnes in 1992. Reported stock was 51.83 lakh tonnes in 1990, 58.33 lakh tonnes in 1991 and 81.89 lakh tonnes in 1992. This includes both industrial salt and salt for human consumption; and disposal is through normal trade channels.

Manufacturing of small trainer aircraft by BHEL

458. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (B.H.E.L.) has any plan to manufacture a small trainer aircraft; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :

(a) BHEL has already started the manufacture of aircraft named Swati. The first batch of 4 aircrafts has already been handed over to Director General of Civil Aviation.

(b) The aircraft is suitable for a wide range of applications, like training, sports, surveillance, photography, courier service and personal use, etc.

Central Government sponsored KVIC Industries

459. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the industries being sponsored/operated by Khadi and Village Industries Commission in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the work done in these districts by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) As far as M. P. is concerned KVIC has so far undertaken development of Khadi and 24 village industries coming under its purview. As far as U. P. is concerned the KVIC has undertaken development of khadi and 26 village industries coming under its purview.